

Work to the river bank at Sonning

This September, we will be carrying out some work to the river bank just upstream of Sonning lock on the River Thames.

During a storm in July 2017, a 30 metre section of the river bank collapsed. We carried out some initial work in November 2017 that included making sure the areas was fenced off and safe for the towpath to continue to be used.

- The bags are seeded and contain nutrients to establish a natural looking bank more quickly
- Using the bags benefits the natural environment and the local eco-system.
- The bags are quicker to install meaning that the work is completed faster



Example of bags used on site in Bishops Sutton

Improvement and innovation

We will install sheet piling to ensure the bank is made stable. The sheet piling will be below the water level and not normally visible.

To protect the bank against long term erosion, we will also be using an innovative solution of vegetated bags to build a durable retaining bank structure

- This means that we will not need to use concrete
- The bags are made of a special geotextile and filled with soils, compost and sands that are free from pollutants

Timescales

We will ensure we do not adversely affect local people and river users. All work will take place from the river and will not impact local roads

- The site compound will be set up from 10 September 2018
- Work is likely to start later in the week of 10 September and will be complete after approximately 3 weeks
- The towpath will remain open throughout the works
- The river will remain navigable throughout the works.
- Work will only take place on week days and in daylight hours

More information

If you have any questions about the work, please contact us by email on:

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